

E. PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL 9/24/18 7 P.M. 85 N. MARKET ST.

Mayor Cohen called the meeting to order. Present was Mr. Hall, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Todd, Mr. Walker & Mr. Yokley. Also present was Village Manager Pete Monteleone, Finance Director Traci Thompson, & Clerk Misti Martin (Atty. Powers was on vacation). The minutes of the 9/10/18 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Walker seconded by Mr. Hall. There were no Agenda items or Department Reports.

CLERK: Clerk Misti Martin stated the Water Department would begin flushing Monday October 1 and would continue throughout the week until completed. Residents may experience discolored water and or low pressure.

MAYOR: NO REPORT

MANAGER: Manager Monteleone stated last year during our leaf collection we distributed fliers to every household where leaves were picked up stating that in the fall of 2018 we will no longer be picking up leaves in plastic bags; we will only pick up leaves in biodegradable paper bags. We have partnered with CCH Environmental group to provide 10 free biodegradable leaf bags per household in East Palestine. He stated details would be available at a later date on the village website and Facebook as to when and how the bags would be distributed. Anyone needing more than the allotted 10 bags would of course have to purchase them on their own. Mayor Cohen reiterated the plastic bags with leaves will not be picked up. At this point Manager Monteleone, Mayor Alan Cohen and Fire Chief Josh Brown presented certificates of commendation to Street Department employee Jerry Coblenz and Water Department employee Denny Griffith (both were unable to attend the meeting) and 911 Operator Bill Ludwig for their assistance during a house fire on August 20, 2018. At this point Manager Monteleone also presented a certificate of commendation to Fire Chief Josh Brown for his work at that same fire. Certificates were also presented to Firefighter Josh Sorrell, Asst. Chief Barb Greaves & Firefighter/EMT David Lee Sr. for the work on an EMS call on September 1, 2018.

LAW DIRECTOR: NO REPORT

STREET: NO REPORT

SAFETY/PARK/REC/CEM: Mr. Cohen stated the Park Board met last week and they discussed possibly adding more cameras at the park and they would be willing to make a donation towards them. Mr. Yokley reminded everyone of the Clark Street Block Party this Saturday Sept 29; it's a free event for the entire community sponsored by the Fire Fighters Association. The event is also to help the community learn more about the fire department. Mr. Cohen stated the Park Board also discussed the need for a new PA/Sound system at the Park Pool which would allow the ticket booth or lifeguards to contact people who are at the pool to which they would also contribute to the purchase of the system.

DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Yokley asked where things stood with the medical marijuana facility to which Manager Monteleone stated after speaking with several individuals he said that everything is on pace.

UTILITY: Mr. Todd stated we had the bid opening for the water project but we do not have the final award letter so we will announce the contractor at a later date.

FINANCE: NO REPORT

VISITORS: Chief Josh Brown, Jonathon Seabrook, Jenny Brown, David Lee Sr., Joshua Sorrell, John Davis, Kent Chapman, John & Sally Dyce, Chief Jim Brown, Zack Gorby, Rick Gorby, and Katie White.

THERE WERE NO VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION

LEGISLATION: Mr. Simpson introduced Ord. 11-2018 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to make supplemental appropriations for the City of East Palestine, Ohio for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2018 and declaring an emergency.** Mr. Simpson made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency. Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Hall-y, Mr. Simpson – y, Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Walker-y, Mr. Yokley-y. Mr. Simpson called for a vote on Ord. 11-2018. Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Hall-y, Mr. Simpson-y, Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Walker-y, Mr. Yokley-y. 6 yes to pass.

ADJOURN: Mr. Walker made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hall. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

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